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House Bill No. **4995**



Introduced by: Representative Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a drug rehabilitation center to be located in the Island Municipality of Pres. C. P. Garcia, Province of Bohol, the primary goal of which is to provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependent.

Article II, Section V of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy".

Likewise, Section 13 states that "the State shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs".

Further, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them".

Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9165, also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 states that "It is the policy of the state to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victims to drug abuse or drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation

It is very much alarming that drug addiction has been rampant in our country today even in the remote areas and became the most major problem. Thus, in order to address this problem and growing concern, a drug rehabilitation center in the Municipality of Pres. C. P. Garcia, Province of Bohol should be established.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PRES. C. P. GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Creation.* – There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Health a Drug Rehabilitation Center in the Municipality of Pres. Garcia, Province of Bohol.

SECTION 2. *Objectives and Function.* The center shall have the following objectives and functions.

- a. To provide care, treatment and accommodation to persons found to be drug dependent;
- b. To bring a drug dependent to a state where he/she is physically, and psychologically and socially capable of coping with problems coping to his peer group;
- c. To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, care, treatment and control of drug addiction;
- d. To provide after-care, follow-up and social reintegration services to enable a drug dependent to adjust to family and community life after his release;
- e. To provide each drug dependent motivation to regain self-confidence , rediscover his working abilities and develop a sense of responsibility for himself;

- f. To encourage the formation of organizations and associations composed of parents, guardians and immediate relatives of drug dependents in order to arouse their awareness and enhance their participation in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of their relatives or wards found to be drug dependent patients;
- g. To undertake continuous training of physicians, nurses, health officers and social workers on the practical and science methods of prevention, care treatment and rehabilitation of persons found to be drug dependents;
- h. To strengthen the spiritual and emotional make-up of an individual drug dependent by conducting regular guidance and counselling sessions as well as interdenominational church services; and
- i. The center shall be responsible for the implementation of programs for the rehabilitation of drug dependents and other related cases within the Province of Bohol.

SECTION 3. *Site of the Drug Rehabilitation Center.* The center shall be placed in the Municipality of Pres. Garcia, Province of Bohol, the location of which to identified by the local government unit.

SECTION 4. *Organization and Qualification.* The center shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon recommendation of the Municipal Mayor and vested with powers generally exercised by a Chief of a government hospital.

No person shall be appointed as Director unless he possesses the following qualifications:

- a. At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- b. A Physician of good repute; and
- c. At least five (5) years experience in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents.

SECTION 5. *Personnel and Staff.* – The Director shall appoint such other personnel and staff as maybe necessary for the effective operation of the center subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. *Development Plan.* – The Center, through its Director is authorized to formulate and implement a Development Plan in the fulfillment of the following:

- a. To establish additional building facilities equipped with new and modern equipment to serve and cater to drug dependents;
- b. To initiate plans for the development of income generating programs for the ultimate purpose of generating resources to provide charity services;
- c. To provide hospital pharmacy services, free dispensaries and health stations; and
- d. To provide educational facilities for interns and graduate and undergraduate students of medicine.

SECTION 7. *Government Assistance to the Drug Rehabilitation Center.* – The Secretary of the Department of Health is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Director of the Center is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure an effective administration of the Center and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the establishment and operationalization of the Pres. Garcia Drug Rehabilitation Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall continue to force and effect.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its complete publication in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.